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SUBJECT: FY-76 AFRICAN SENIOR RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM

REF: PRETORIA 1568, STATE 48077

1. CIES HAS CONFIRMED AFFILIATION FOR MAKUNGA AT HIS PREFERRED INSTITUTION, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, TO WORK WITH PROF. V. E. GRACEN, DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING AND BIOMETRY. CORNELL AGREEABLE TO 3-4 MONTH AFFILIATION BEGINNING ANYTIME BETWEEN MAY AND FIRST OF AUGUST. LATE FALL ARRIVAL NOT SUITABLE FOR TYPE RESEARCH MAKUNGA PROPOSING SINCE GRAIN GROWING PERIOD IN U. S. IS SPRING AND SUMMER. JULY THROUGH OCTOBER IS OPTIMUM TIME AS SCHOLAR COULD WITNESS POLLENATION AND VARIOUS SUCCESSIVE GROWING STAGES THROUGH TO HARVEST. IF SCHOLAR ABLE TRAVEL THIS SUMMER, 1-2 WEEKS OBSERVATION PROGRAM IN U. S. CORN BELT AND ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL MAIZE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN AUGUST COULD POSSIBLY BE ARRANGED. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY ALSO AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH SCHOLAR DURING JULY-OCTOBER PERIOD. COULD MAKUNGA DELAY BRITAIN TRIP UNTIL FALL? IF SCHOLAR UNABLE TO TRAVEL PRIOR AUGUST 1, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HIS AWARD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

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2. FYI, IN SUBMITTING PROPOSALS TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS FOR AFFILIATION OF REFPROGRAM GRANTEES, CIES RELIES ON ACCURACY OF SCHOLARS' AVAILABILITY DATES FROM APPLICATION. AT TIME REFTEL RECEIVED, CORNELL HAD ALREADY REPLIED FAVORABLY REGARDING AFFILIATION AND WAS IN PROCESS OF CONFIRMING SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR SCHOLAR. CHANGING PROPOSED DATES AT LAST MINUTE MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR HOST UNIVERSITY TO PLAN AND SOMETIMES MEANS CIES MUST START AGAIN FROM SCRATCH ON NEW AFFILIATION ARRANGEMENTS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SCHOLAR ABLE TRAVEL THIS SUMMER OR IF AWARD SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.  
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